Jewish Family Services
COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCATE
Part-time

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Deadline to Apply: Accepting applications until position is filled.

Description:
Jewish Family Services (JFS), a respected, nonprofit whose mission is to provide supportive services to strengthen families, children and individuals throughout their life cycle is offering an opportunity to provide advocacy and to create impact against violence, including anti-Semitic bias and hate. This position is responsible for providing advocacy and support for both Jewish and non-Jewish individuals who have been victims of crimes, such as interpersonal violence, childhood sexual abuse, and sexual assault within the Greater Milwaukee area and for individuals impacted by anti-Semitic hate incidents across the State of Wisconsin. The Community-based advocate will also develop and sustain collaborations with other entities to enhance culturally sensitive services and promote access to VOCA funded services.

Duties and Responsibilities include:

Direct Services
- Provide crisis response via phone and in-person meetings in the community and in the office.
- Provide accompaniment to appointments, such as medical and legal appointments.
- Responds to requests for assistance from both Jewish and non-Jewish survivors of violence including providing telephone and in-person crisis intervention; accompanying victims to hospitals, domestic violence and sexual assault agencies and court; and serving as a liaison with law enforcement and other service providers.
- Maintains victim-advocate privilege and client confidentiality at all times.

Consultation and Advocacy Support
- Develops and implements strategies to raise awareness and to educate communities, including the Jewish communities, about services that are VOCA funded activities.
- Develops strategies to engage law enforcement jurisdictions to refer crime victims for services.
- Develops and sustains community-based collaborations that facilitate recognition of issues of interpersonal and sexual violence in Jewish communities and also incidents/patterns of hate crimes against Jews in Wisconsin.
- Develops and maintains contact with systems-based agencies and governmental units that provide services to victims of violence and refer individuals to VOCA funded projects.
- Facilitate presentations to the public, including professionals and community members.
- Research, compile and distribute information on resources for victims of crime, including culturally-specific resources for Jewish victims of crime Statewide.

Additional Responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of the dynamics of violence, including interpersonal and family violence, as well as a willingness to work with individuals and communities experiencing these issues.
- Must possess strong Trauma Informed knowledge and skills and ability to communicate to internal and external partners about the impact of trauma exposure on victims of crime.
- Demonstrate knowledge of forms of anti-Semitic discrimination and crimes, and ability to identify rhetorical manifestations of antisemitism.
- Confers with supervisor regularly and actively participates in peer review process as a team member.
- Assists with training of direct service volunteers/interns as needed.
- Collect and prepare monthly statistical reports for grant reporting.
- Ability to work independently, including at off site location(s), organize workload and maintain required level of productivity as determined by supervisor.
Accepts other duties and responsibilities as assigned by supervisor.
Participates in professional growth and in-service opportunities; attends seminars that expand professional knowledge; and shares information with colleagues.
Markets self and represents JFS in the Jewish community and community at large.

Qualifications:

Required

- Bachelor’s Degree required in Social Work, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, or related field. Master’s Degree preferred.
- Candidate must have at least 1 year of experience, as well as trauma-informed training and experience working with survivors of violence.
- Candidates must successfully pass a criminal background check with the Wisconsin Department of Justice and a caregiver background check with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Department of Children and Families and the Department Safety and Professional Services.
- Candidate must have knowledge, understanding, and/or willingness to learn Jewish culture and traditions.
- Strong public speaking and writing skills. Comfortable promoting the services available to victims of crime.
- Prior experience in an advocacy role for victims of crime highly desired.
- Must have a valid driver’s license and access to a vehicle with insurance.

Strongly Preferred

- Occasional evening and weekend availability
- Prior experience as a victim advocate
- Bilingual

HOURS:

- Part Time (24 hours per week)

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Benefits and other compensation:
Compensation for this position will be $27,000. Jewish Family Services offers paid vacation, sick, holiday and personal time. Health, dental, vision, life, and long-term disability insurance, a 403(b) Retirement Plan, Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, Aflac benefits, and an Employee Assistance Program are also available to full time employees.

Application information:
ALL QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION MUST SUBMIT, WITH THEIR RESUME, A COVER LETTER INDICATING POSITION SOUGHT. RESUMES AND COVER LETTERS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA:

- Email: info@jfsmilw.org
- Fax: 414-225-1340 to the attention of the Recruiter
- Mail: Jewish Family Services
  Attn: Recruiter
  1300 N. Jackson St.
  Milwaukee, WI 53202

Other information:
Additional information about Jewish Family Services can be found on our website at http://www.jfsmilw.org/. We encourage and welcome candidates with diverse backgrounds to apply. JFS is an equal employment opportunity employer functioning under an Affirmative Action Plan.